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and failed, while the moderns tried to make it a trade and succeeded. But now the modern trend is in the direction of a true science of medicine.

As you doubtless know, the department of medicine has been reorganized under the wise direction of Dr. Conner. It is our great pleasure to hail the return to Cornell and to the New York Hospital of a man of the exceptional ability of Dr. Foster who for several years has been professor of medicine at the University of Michigan. At Bellevue Hospital the reorganization of the medical clinic by Dr. Conner has placed it in a position to become one of the most powerful influences for medical progress in the country. A full-time staff, Drs. Du Bois, Peters, Barr, Alexander (and McCann will join them), all of whom have been recently discharged from the military or naval services of this country, are giving their entire time for the purpose of instructing students and for carrying on researches into the cause and cure of disease. Three of these men are graduates of the P. and S., two of our own college. Some of the men are supported from the funds of the Russell Sage Institute of Pathology, given by Mrs. Sage for the benefit of the sick poor, and others are supported by friends of the college.

This undertaking followed several years after the introduction of full-time men on the surgical division under Dr. Hartwell. We may all rejoice at the rich opportunities for learning which are offered both in medicine and surgery in Bellevue Hospital.

Another very notable increase in the potential power of the school as a teaching institution has been attained during the summer through the appointment of Dr. Schloss as professor of pediatrics. The true guiding principle of every successful institution has been followed, the appointment of the best man available in the country to fill the place. The highest opportunities for work in pediatrics now lie open to the students of this school and under the best of direction.

An old Swiss physician, Sondereggers, once wrote a letter of advice to a father whose son desired to study medicine, and this letter has

so much idealism in it that it seems permissible to read it to you.

There is nothing greater or more beautiful in the world than man. He is the mightiest and most elevated example of thought and education. His existence, his struggle, his suffering, are all in the highest degree wonderful and stimulating. Thou must bring clear eyes and fine ears, a great talent for observation, patience and again patience for endless study, a clear critical mind which grows stronger in time of necessity, and yet a warm, susceptible heart which understands and sympathizes with every sorrow; religion and moral earnestness which have dominion over lust, money and honor; also a becoming exterior, a polished demeanor, health of body and spirit. All these thou must possess or thou wilt be a bad or an unhappy physician. Thou must carry great knowledge even like to a camel's burden, and also preserve the freshness of the poets. Thou must overcome all arts of charlatany and in so doing remain an honorable man. Medicine must come first and be thy religion and politics, thy joy and thy sorrow. Therefore I would never advise anyone to be a physician. If he still wishes to be one, warn him again and severely; if he wishes it notwithstanding; then give him thy blessing in so far as he is worthy of it; he will need it.

We will be glad to have all students entering this college feel that they are welcome guests to its halls, guests who come as men and women earnestly desirous of enjoying such intellectual opportunities as are here generously offered. I would ask you to show your appreciation of the gifts which private endowment makes possible, in that you should treat the building and its contents with that scrupulous care and reverence which you would naturally bestow upon the personal property of a generous benefactor who was also a great friend. If you accept what there is here in good spirit, and if the external life of the country permits an orderly community life within these walls, you will find opportunities for golden days in the time to come.

GRAHAM LUSK

#### SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

##### COOPERATIVE CONSERVATION OF THE INDIANA-LAKE MICHIGAN SAND DUNES

For some time a quiet agitation for the setting aside of this unique region abounding

in rare and valuable flora and fauna specimens has been prevalent in scientific circles. The reservation of this region was formally advocated in a report of Stephen T. Mather, director of the National Park Service at Washington in 1917. The National Dunes Park Association, of which Mr. William P. Gleason, of Gary, Indiana, is now president, has also taken up the matter and has secured a large membership of adherents who enthusiastically advocate the preservation of this wonderland region.

All of these movements have been largely combated by the residents of Porter county, in which the choicest of the dunes are located because of an undercurrent of various misunderstandings. It has been thought by the Porter county residents, and notably the commercial interests of Valparaiso, the county seat, that through a setting aside of the dunes, bordering its fifteen miles of lake front, for a park, would deprive the county of its industrial development which many have held to be paramount to the preservation of those "useless sand hills." The Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce standing primarily for the industrial and commercial development of its valuable water front, strongly opposed any movement looking to the securing of the former objective and the loss of the latter.

Recently there has come into being a new spirit of cooperation. Ex-State Senator Bowser, of Chesterton, Porter county, a director of the National Dunes Park Association has laid a proposal before the Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce, that both bodies cooperate in the attainment of the objectives which have hitherto been considered antagonistic. The bond of cooperation has been formed through the appointment of a general committee, a legal committee and a boundary committee by President John Sievers, of the Chamber of Commerce. Of these the boundary committee consisting of W. E. Harris, Herman Pollentske, Edward Morgan, J. G. Johnson, Guy Stinchfield, George Pearce, Frank R. Theroux have reported in favor of a three-mile lake front park dedicated to Porter county, but this

committee wisely qualified their report by stating that the final settlement of boundaries could not yet be determined and many related interests and questions would need to be considered before the limits could be fixed.

It is significant that at a later meeting the Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce passed the following resolution which shows that the business men of Porter county appreciate the importance of the dune conservation undertaking.

The Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce recommend to the National Dunes Park Association that a board of three consulting engineers be appointed before any final steps on ultimate boundary lines are taken. An industrial engineer to be selected by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the American Society of Civil Engineers; an engineer on town planning by the Society of American Architects; and a scientist by the Agricultural Department and the Smithsonian Institution to plan coordinately for the proper relation of the industrial, esthetic and scientific Dune-Land heritage nature has placed in the lap of Porter County.

#### THE IOWA POLICY CONCERNING STATE PARKS

The thirty-seventh General Assembly of the State of Iowa authorized the creation of state parks out of funds from the fees obtained from hunters license fees. It provided that \$50,000 be taken out of this fund and on the recommendation of the fish and game warden and the Iowa State Board of Conservation to the executive council state parks could be created and lakes improved. The governor and executive council later (in 1917) appointed L. H. Pammel, of Ames, Joseph Kelso, of Bellevue, and John F. Ford, of Fort Dodge, members of this board, the curator of the historical department being an ex-officio member. The board met and elected Mr. E. R. Harlan secretary and L. H. Pammel chairman.

This board and the fish and game warden recommended the purchase of what is known as the Devil's Backbone Park in northwestern Delaware county. The executive council directed the purchase of some 1,200 acres